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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kenneth (NMI) Schofield and Mark L. Larson  
For : VEHICLE CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD  
Atty Docket : DON01 P-946

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(B)(1) of pending prior United States patent application Serial No. 09/227,344, filed on January 8, 1999, which will issue on October 16, 2001, as Patent No. 6,302,545, which is a continuation of United States patent application Serial No. 08/478,093, filed on June 7, 1995, now Patent No. 5,877,897, which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending International Application No. PCT/US94/01954, which designates the United States and which was filed on February 25, 1999, and which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States patent application Serial No. 08/023,918, filed on February 26, 1993, now Patent No. 5,550,677, of Kenneth (NMI) Schofield and Mark L. Larson.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

The attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/227,344, as originally filed on January 8, 1999.

The filing fee is calculated below:

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twenty, times \$18.00 \$ 846.00

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A check in the amount of \$1,586 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Please enter the amendment before calculating the fee.

Amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 7:

After "This application is a" insert --continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/227,344, filed on January 8, 1999, now Patent No. 6,302,545, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/478,093, filed on June 7, 1995, now Patent No. 5,877,897, which is a--.

New formal drawings are enclosed.

The prior application is assigned to Donnelly Corporation, located at 414 E. Fortieth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423, as recorded at Reel 7668, Frame 0383, on September 11, 1995.

Applicants respectfully request that information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 09/227,344, be considered in the present application. A disclosure statement is enclosed along with copies of Forms PTO-1449 listing all of the information from the prior parent application.

A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form is enclosed.

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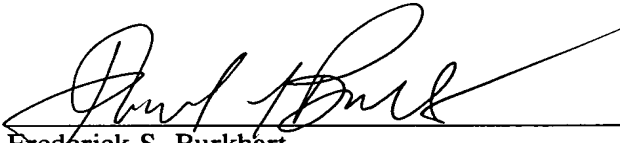
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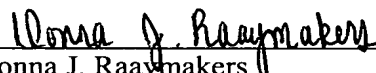
Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

I certify that this paper together with the attached continuation patent application comprising a Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form (2 pages); Preliminary Amendment (9 pages); copy of prior application Serial No. 09/227,344 filed on January 8, 1999 (130 pages), and Declaration as originally filed (3 pages); Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest (Revocation of Prior Powers) along with Certificate Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and Assignment (5 pages); twenty-five (25) sheets of drawings (in duplicate); Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), Forms PTO-1449 (9 sheets), and copies of information referenced therein (one book); cover letter (3 pages, in duplicate); check in the amount of \$1,586 for the filing fee; and return postal card are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope having Express Mail Mailing Label Number EL846000936US addressed to:

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Dear Sir:

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Donnelly Corporation, a Michigan corporation, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

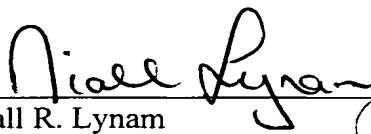
An assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 7668, Frame 0383, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

The undersigned has reviewed all of the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18, of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: June 15 2001

  
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